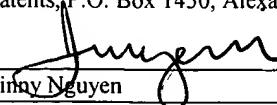


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The Commissioner is authorized to charge **\$330.00** for payment of the Notice of Appeal filing fee to Deposit Account 09-0460 (IBM Corporation). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees additional fees required by this communication to Deposit Account 09-0460 (IBM Corporation).

If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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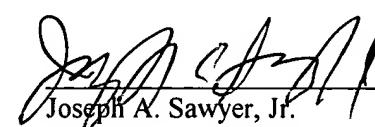
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